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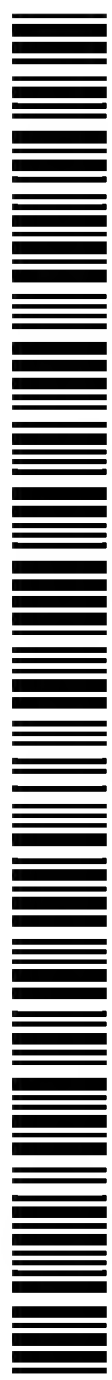
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(57) Abstract: A binder composition for a non-woven fabric, the binder composition comprising a latex, the latex including a heterogeneous blend of dispersed polymer particles and a surfactant, where the particles include from about 55 to about 100% by weight of a gelled polymer, from about 1 to about 15% by weight polymeric units bearing an acid functionality, and where dried films of the latex exhibit a T<sub>g</sub> of from about -50°C to about 60°C.



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